

BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES, Wednesday, November 7, 2018, 6:00pm

Mayor Klaus called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with the reading of the Sunshine Notice. He led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk called roll and the following were present: Councilman Beach, Councilwoman Fawley, Councilwoman Harris, Councilman Ludwig and Councilman Robenolt. Councilman Popiolek was absent. Also present were Solicitor Tim Higgins, Clerk Terry Shannon, CFO Denise Moules and Eileen Holcombe, Secretary to Mayor and Council.

First Public Portion—on a motion by Councilwoman Harris, second by Councilman Ludwig, the first public portion of the meeting was opened. Seeing no public comment, on a motion by Councilman Ludwig, second by Councilwoman Fawley, the first public portion was closed.

Discussion Items

Administration—Clerk Shannon reported on the following items:

- ♦Resolution for selection of professionals under a Fair and Open process will be on the agenda.
- ♦Resolution authorizing participation in the Camden County contract for sodium chloride will be on the agenda.
- ♦Funding for generator—DPW has evaluated and generator from the Willows pump station is in very good shape. Since the scope of the Direct Install program was scaled back, funds are available to have the generator installed at the fire/ambulance building. Funding for this was approved.
- ♦Agreement with Runnemedes for Construction Office services will be revised so Keith Knight will now be just fire sub-code. Thomas El, as plumbing sub-code official, will go on our payroll directly.
- ♦Barb Willson's appointment as emergency management coordinator expires December 31 so she needs to be reappointed.
- ♦Restructuring of employee healthcare contributions—AFSCME has requested to go back to year 3 of the Chapter 78 legislation. As an alternative the clerk prepared a chart that increases the space between earnings brackets and makes the percentages uniform regardless of level of coverage. The new chart was presented to the governing body. Because our overall healthcare costs will decrease in 2019 by 2.6%, this is the perfect time to make this change. This will be discussed further as contract negotiations move forward.
- ♦New legislation regarding sick leave for part time and temporary employees—we will be required to accrue one hour of sick time for every 30 hours worked. The state will be issuing procedures and guidelines so for now we just have to track the hours until the regulations are released.
- ♦Purchase of former Barrington Cleaners—price was dropped to \$135,000. Kirk has been talking with the owner. He is still interested in possibly purchasing for the Fire Alliance. Kirk wants to re-coup the lost tax revenue from the towns in the Alliance. We need to meet with the Alliance to get input from the towns.
- ♦Recycling facility moving into Berg Furniture location—company will process waste paper and cardboard commodities. George approved the zoning back in June. They need a resolution from the governing body approving a recycling facility at that location. The governing body had a lot of questions and it was determined we will ask the application to come to the P-Z-C committee so all questions can be answered before a resolution is approved.

Review of items for council agenda:

Resolutions:

- ♦Resolution for Fair and Open process for selection of professionals
- ♦Authorizing participation in Camden Co contract for sodium chloride
- ♦Appointing Dave Pawling as MHLEO

- ◆Resolution authorizing SSA with Runnemedede for fire sub-code services
- ◆Resolution appointing Barb Willson as OEM Coordinator
- ◆Refund overpayment of taxes for 106 W. Williams Ave
- ◆Resolution for Property Maintenance liens
- ◆Resolution to appoint junior members to the Barrington Fire Company
- ◆2018 Budget Transfers

Finance--CFO Moules reported on the following items:

Standard monthly reports were reviewed. Police overtime is over-expended because of the monthly MIT inspections. We receive the funds from the state six months afterwards. We need to evaluate and see if it makes sense financially to continue with these. For the budget transfers, funds are being transferred to cover over-expenditures. All revenues are in line with what was anticipated or over.

Best Practice Questionnaire—we scored 95% so we will not lose any state aid. We only have a few “no” answers pertaining to hybrid vehicles and pay-to-pay legislation. We answered as prospective regarding UCC fees—the state analyses to make sure towns are not charging too much for construction office fees. The other prospective question was regarding the Master Plan. They want to make sure towns are updating their Master Plans.

Council Reports:

Councilwoman Harris—need ideas for Volunteer of the Year, Barrington Best, Hometown Hero and Youth awards for Reorg. We need to recognize our youth more for their accomplishments. We can do this at council meetings. Fire truck parade is November 23; tree lighting at 6:45 and parade at 7pm. Looking into possible house decorating contest.

Councilman Robenolt—Lt. Willson is retiring. We will start interview process in a week or two. We have preliminary sketches for the firehouse roof. We had to revise the contract with Bach because there is some asbestos in the building and we will need to hire an asbestos removal contractor for remediation.

Councilman Beach—senior dinner was a nice event and he thanked everyone for attending.

On a motion by Councilwoman Harris, second by Councilman Ludwig, the second public portion of the meeting was opened. Eileen Holcombe asked what is going on with the former senior center. VFW facility needs a rug, a heater and air conditioner in the office. Also we need to find a new location for the Band. Councilman Robenolt responded there are a lot of moving parts and no final decisions have been made plus we need to have the funding. Mike has a punchlist of items that he knows are needed at the VFW.

Seeing no further public comment, on a motion by Councilman Robenolt, second by Councilwoman Harris, the public portion was closed.

On a motion by Councilwoman Harris, second by Councilman Robenolt, the meeting was adjourned to closed session at 7:16pm so AFSCME contract negotiations could be discussed.

Approved: Terry Shannon
Terry Shannon, Clerk/RMC